

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for displacing a switch blade between a position ~~on-adjacent~~ a stock rail and a position at a distance from the stock rail, the device comprising:

- a) a locking bearing coupled to the switch blade and connected to a locking catch by means of an axle, ~~and;~~
- b) a locking rod arranged to guide the locking catch against a locking support coupled to the stock rail, the locking rod further arranged to lock the locking catch to the support and then unlock the locking catch and guide it away from the locking support, ~~wherein;~~
- c) the locking support being tightly fitted to a foot of the stock rail ~~is positioned~~ on the side of the stock rail opposed to the switch blade for fastening to the stock rail, the locking support additionally being ~~and is~~ connected to a thrust bearing that is arranged on a fixed superstructure component including at least one of a switch blade slide chair

and a rising edge of a cross-tie member having a u-shaped profile on a side of the stock rail facing the switch blade.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the fixed superstructure component is a component for supporting the switch blade.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The device according to claim 2, wherein the component for supporting the switch blade is a switch blade slide chair.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the fixed superstructure component is arranged on a rising edge of a cross-tie member having a U-shaped profile.

Claims 5 - 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A device for displacing a switch blade between a position ~~on-adjacent~~ a stock rail and a position at a distance from the stock rail, the device comprising:

a) a locking bearing coupled to the switch blade and connected to a locking catch by means of an axle, ~~and;~~

b) a locking rod arranged to guide the locking catch against a locking support coupled to the stock rail, lock the locking catch to the support and then unlock and guide it away from said locking support, ~~wherein;~~

c) the locking support being tightly fitted to a foot of the stock rail on the side of the stock rail opposed to the switch blade for fastening to the stock rail, the locking support additionally being connected to a thrust bearing that is arranged on a fixed superstructure component including at least one of a switch blade slide chair and a rising edge of a cross-tie member having a u-shaped profile on a side of the stock rail facing the switch blade; and

d) the locking bearing ~~is being~~ arranged on a component that at least partially follows the displacement and the displacement motion is transferred from the locking bearing to the switch blade by means of a displaceable push rod.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device according to claim 7, wherein the push rod is firmly connected to the switch blade and held in the locking bearing such that it can move.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device according to claim 8, wherein the push rod is held in the locking bearing so that

it is movable and the two switch blades can be connected by means of a coupling rod.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The device according to claim 7, wherein, the push rod is held in the locking bearing and prevented from moving by a defined tractive power.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device according to claim 10, wherein the tractive power is achieved by means of a spring-loaded catch.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The device according to claim 7, wherein, the component is supported in a rolling or sliding mode.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device according to claim 12, wherein the support for the component is provided in or on a guide element.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device according to claim 13, wherein the guide element is arranged on a superstructure component.

Claim 15 (canceled)